

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East GermanyREPORT TOPIC Fourth Gds Mecz Army

25X1

25X1

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT

25X1

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 6 September 1955

25X1

REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

25X1

1. On 5 August 1955, it was learned that excavation work for a new Soviet barracks installation started in the vicinity of Rosengarten near Frankfurt/Oder. An amount of 2,000,000 DM East was said to be allocated. Colonel Peregudoff (fnu), commanding officer of the artillery unit in the Artillerie Kaserne (4442), Frankfurt/Oder, was put in charge for the project.¹
2. In the evening on 28 July, 6 T-34/85s and 1 radio truck went from the direction of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station toward Goethe Strasse. In the evening on 7 August, 4 JS-Is or JS-IIIs, 1 radio truck and 1 truck towing a field kitchen went from the direction of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station to the Horn Kaserne (4445). During the night of 8/9 August a tank column including 8 JS tanks and 10 trucks moved from the direction of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station toward Goethe Strasse.²
3. Prior to 27 July, the Reiter Kaserne (4041) in Beeskow was presumably occupied to capacity. The number of personnel of the unit stationed in Beeskow was said to have been almost the same for more than two years. The mortars of this units were allegedly going to be replaced by artillery pieces.³
4. From mid-July to 31 July, tank and engineer practices were conducted on the Spree River upstream from Beeskow. The tanks were said to have left Beeskow by rail on 31 July.³
5. In the morning on 6 August, an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 25 caterpillar tractors, 24 field kitchens, and 20 new sedans; and 1 boxcar with an escort detail arrived at the Wildpark (Potsdam) railroad station. The field kitchens were transferred to Satzkorn and the sedans to Ziesar. The flatcars with the caterpillar tractors were left on a side track. They were unloaded on 9 August.⁴
6. At 1930 on 10 August, an undetermined number of flatcars with 25 T-54s, 4 boxcars with soldiers and 1 boxcar with equipment were dispatched at the Wildpark railroad station for Hillersleben. The shipment left at 0110 on 11 August.⁵

25X1

1. Comment. It is possible that the units of the 32d AAA Div. stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder are scheduled to be

25X1

25X1

SECRET

25X1

25X1

- 2 -

transferred to the new barracks installation near Rosengarten (Frankfurt/Oder) on its completion. Colonel Peregudoff (fnu) is mentioned for the first time. He is presumably commanding officer of one of the two AAA regiments stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne.

2. Comment. The information on the unloading of tanks on 28 July confirms a previous report. The tanks unloaded on 7 and 8 August probably belong to returning tank firing details of the 84th Hw Gds Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
25X1
3. Comment. It is known that the 468th Gds Mort Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. stationed in the Reiter Kaserne in Beeskow has partly been reequipped. Up to 12 x 122-mm field howitzers were repeatedly seen there. Units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. presumably participated in the exercises on the Spree River upstream from Beeskow. 25X1
4. Comment. The caterpillar tractor at the Wildpark railroad probably designed for the 34th Arty Div. in Potsdam. On 8 August 15 prime movers were detained at the Wildpark railroad station 25X1
25X1
5. Comment. The information on loading of tanks on 10 August in Wildpark confirms previous information. Probably tanks of the 10th Gds Tank Div. were dispatched for Letzling Heath. 25X1
25X1

25X1

SECRET

25X1

25X1